

PATENT

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a final Office action dated May 20, 2004. Claims 1-20 were examined.

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 13-15, and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghaffari (U.S. Pat. No. 6,088,740) in view of Arimilli (U.S. Pat. No. 6,487,637). Claims 3-6, 10-12 and 16 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1 thereby placing claims 1-2, and 4-8 in condition for allowance. Claim 3 has been cancelled. The subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 9 thereby placing claims 9 and 11-18 in condition for allowance. Claim 10 has been cancelled.

Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter indicated as allowable in claims 3 and 10. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 19-20 are in condition for allowance.

All pending claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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